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SUBJ: POSSIBLE TRADE UNION LEADER VISIT TO U.S.

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1. OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED IRANIAN TRADE UNION LEADER VISIT TO U.S. WHILE ENTIRELY LAUDABLE, MAY FALL SHORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IF IRANIAN DELEGATION IS NOT BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS. LEE'S BARELY CONCEALED MISGIVINGS ABOUT BONA FIDES OF ANY VISITING IRANIAN GROUP MAKE IT ALL THE MORE NECESSARY THAT THE VISITORS' TRADE UNIONIST CREDENTIALS BE AS IMPECCABLE AS POSSIBLE. FROM THE COMMENTS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, WE ARE NOT SURE THAT IRAN NOVIN PARTY OFFICIALS CUM PARLIAMENT MEMBERS THAT AISLEY MET HERE WOULD PASS AFL-CIO MUSTER.

2. EMBASSY PLANS FOLLOWUP IN NEAR FUTURE WITH IRAN NOVIN WORKERS ORGANIZATION HEAD KIA, BUT PREFERS, FOR TIME BEING, THAT SUBJECT OF U.S. VISIT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE WITH AFL-CIO RESPONSIBLES UNTIL WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER EXPLORE KIA'S IDEAS ABOUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH IRAN NOVIN LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY OF LABOR HERE WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF UNION LEADERS SUCH AS HEADS OF SYNDICATES

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AND FEDERATIONS WHOSE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY CONNECTIONS ARE LESS OBVIOUS. AT THAT TIME, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST THAT AAFLI INITIATE DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. AAFLI COULD THEN DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER IT WISHED EXTEND INVITATIONS.

4. POLITICAL PERSONALITIES MET BY AISLEY IN JULY APPEAR TO US MORE IN CATEGORY OF POTENTIAL LEADER GRANTEES WHOSE INTEREST IN LABOR AFFAIRS WOULD CERTAINLY BE A FACTOR IN PROGRAM PLANNING IF AND WHEN INVITATION EXTENDED.
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